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Further information on EXTRA 157/95 (ASA 21/64/95, 7 December 1995) and follow-up (ASA 21/65/95, 8 December) - Arbitrary detention / Fear of torture / Fear for safety

INDONESIA / EAST TIMOR **Martinho Pereira and 12 other East Timorese**
32 protestors at the Dutch Embassy in Jakarta
at least four protestors at French and Thai Embassies

and new names: **Petrus Haryanto**
Budiman

Arbitrary arrests of those involved in the embassy protests in Jakarta are continuing. Amnesty International fears that anyone detained is at risk of torture and ill-treatment.

On 15 December, the military announced that Martinho Pereira had been arrested in Surabaya on 4 December, as the alleged "ring-leader" of the embassy demonstrations. Amnesty International is seriously concerned that he has not been granted access to independent lawyers and that he should have immediate access to representatives of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC). There is no further information on the whereabouts of the 12 other East Timorese arrested in connection with the visit to East Timor by the United Nations (UN) High Commissioner for Human Rights.

On 7 December, a pro-Indonesian demonstration - largely thought to have been organized with the connivance of the authorities - entered the Dutch embassy and attacked pro-independence demonstrators and embassy staff. On 9 December, the pro-independence protestors were forced to leave in the custody of police who entered the embassy compound. Prior to departing from the embassy, however, East Timorese protestors state that they had requested asylum from the Dutch Government. The latter has since stated in Dutch parliament that it could not consider the claim, because the security situation in the embassy was imperative and should take precedence. The pro-independence protestors were taken to Jakarta Police Headquarters where they were questioned before being released after 24 hours. However, the whereabouts of around 20 of those believed to have left the police station in a bus, was not clear.

On 15 December, East Java Regional Military Commander, Major-General Imam Utomo, announced that 32 of the protestors in the Dutch Embassy had been rearrested in Surabaya and were being questioned. However, the whereabouts and identities of the 32 remain unclear.

The protestors in the Russian Embassy - who had been forced to leave the embassy on 8 December - were reportedly held in police custody for 24 hours before being released. Amnesty International has no further news on the protestors detained at the French and Thai Embassies, although at least four are believed to remain in detention.

Petrus Haryanto, an Indonesian activist who entered the Dutch Embassy, was arrested by plainclothes officers at a medical clinic in Jakarta where he was seeking medical assistance. He was believed to have been detained at the Sub-District Military Command (Koramil) in Ciladuk, Jakarta, but was released on the morning of 12 December. His arrest was carried out without a warrant. Since then, it is believed that Petrus and another Indonesian, Budiman, have received summons from the police in relation to charges of "insulting the President".

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FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/faxes/express/airmail letters in English or Bahasa Indonesia or in your own language:

- urging the authorities to clarify exactly the identity of those detained in Jakarta and East Timor;
- seeking assurances that those remaining in detention, including Martinho Pereira, are being treated humanely in accordance with international standards; that they are being given access to lawyers of their choice; that their relatives are informed of their whereabouts; and that the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) is allowed regular unrestricted access to their place of detention;
- requesting that, unless they are charged with recognizably criminal offences, they be immediately released;
- seeking assurances that no one will be subjected to arrest simply for engaging in peaceful opposition activities to Indonesian rule in East Timor.

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and to diplomatic representatives of Indonesia accredited to your country.

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